

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of: : Before the Examiner:
 A. Blau et al. :
 Serial No: : Group Art Unit:
 Filed: : Intellectual Property
 Title: SYSTEM AND METHOD : Law Department
 FOR MANAGING MESSAGES AND : International Business
 ANNOTATIONS PRESENTED IN A : Machines Corporation
 USER INTERFACE : 11400 Burnet Road
 : Internal Zip 4054
 Date: October 12, 2000 : Austin, Texas 78758

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner of Patents
 Washington, D. C. 20231.

Sir:

Please amend this application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

3. (Amended) The method of claim 1 [or claim 2], said accepting step further comprising the steps of:
- selectively presenting to said user an edit panel; and
- receiving from said user said annotation input to said edit panel.
4. (Amended) The method of [any one of claims] claim 1 [to 3], further comprising the steps of:

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